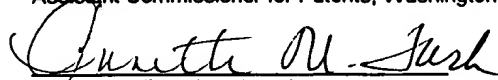


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Serial No. 09/308,150

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For: PEPTIDE DERIVED FROM AN ANTIGEN RECOGNIZED BY
AUTOANTIBODIES FROM PATIENTS WITH RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS,
ANTIBODY DIRECTED AGAINST SAID PEPTIDE, A COMBINATORIAL
ANTIGEN AND A METHOD OF DETECTING AUTO-IMMUNE
ANTIBODIES

RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS
UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the DO/EO/US, mailed on July 6, 1999, enclosed are the following items for filing in the above-referenced U.S. patent application:

1. Declaration and Power of Attorney, executed by Applicants Waltherus Jacobus Wilhelmus Van Venrooij, Jozef Maria Hendrik Raats and Rene Michael Antonius Hoet. A Petition with regard to non-signing inventor, Gerardus Antonius Schellekens, is being filed concurrently herewith.

2. Check to cover the surcharge fee in the amount of \$130.00.

3. Office's copy of form PCT/DO/EO/905.

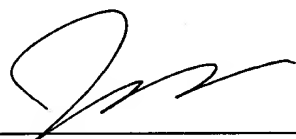
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Having now complied with all of the requirements of 35 USC § 371, Applicants respectfully request that an Official Filing Receipt be issued and this application be placed in line for examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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